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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, May 10.—What a fine rain we did have Friday! The dust was settled right now; and my, the gardens were set out and started off in good shape; if they will only continue to be worked up for a week or so. Those cotton fields will, from now on, grow a lot of grass and will take lots of work to keep Jack Green from taking the full crops of corn and cotton. The rain, however, came too late for the oat crop. Oats are very short, did not get high enough to cut good. The up-country has had some heavy hail to fall, doing some damage to sashes in houses, and gardens.

The car of folks that went to Newberry, S. C., from here had a nice trip in their auto, no accident going or returning.

Dr. Wm. H. Folk is to be married soon, and will go to Sycamore, S. C., on his return, to practice his profession at that place.

All of the merchants that were closed up by homestead proceedings are opened and going ahead with their work, except the Hacker Co. Seems as if their business is hard to get in shape to move from where they are at.

There is a baseball game scheduled for this week; can't say what team will cross bats with Ehrhardt team. Some little practice has been had with local teams of late, but as soon as the grass gets to growing this will be cut out and the hoe and plough will take the place of ball and bat with the local team.

It seems as if extra energy was on in the war zone last week, from the paper accounts; think its time for them to hold up trying to kill each other now, as they have about used all their energy and means already.

Well the A. C. L. railway is running trains on the Ehrhardt and Bamberg branch at last. Now there is something else for the people to talk about that they want, what will it be? JEE.

Election at Denmark.

Denmark, May 12.—Trustees of the Denmark graded and high school have elected the following faculty for next school year: Prof. E. M. McCown, superintendent; Miss Mattie Howell, of Spartanburg; Converse college; Miss Kate Wood, of Spartanburg; Converse college; Miss Edith Stackhouse, of Marion, Randolph-Macon; Miss Lela Townsend, of Ninety-Six; Winthrop; Miss Myra Cochran, of Calhoun; Winthrop; Miss Norma Moore, of Pendleton; Winthrop; Miss Clive Dixon, of Bishopville; Winthrop; and Miss Gussie Calhoun, of Greenwood; Winthrop. Supt. McCown with Misses Townsend, Cochran, Dixon and Calhoun, were re-elected.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, May 10.—The series of religious services that have been conducted at the Baptist church during the last two weeks by Evangelist D. Paul Montgomery and his two sons, Vance and Paul Montgomery, of Blue Mountain, Miss., which brought about the greatest religious revival ever known here, came to a close last night. One result of the meetings was 87 accessions to the Baptist church, 52 for Baptism, 33 by letter and two restorations, and besides this there have been accessions to other churches as a result of this great revival of Christianity, which is evident among the people irrespective of denominational proclivities.

Fairfax high school team defeated Barnwell here today by a score of 11 to six. The feature was the excellent pitching by Wilson, of Fairfax. He struck out 12 men. Batteries: Wilson and Loadholt; Brown and Dix. Umpires, Lyons and Green.

House Burned Near Cope.

Cope, May 5.—Yesterday afternoon fire destroyed a dwelling belonging to E. E. Ritter, on what used to be the Angus Cope place. The cause is said to have been a defective flue, but as the wind was high, some think a spark was blown from the flue under the shingles and fanned into a blaze. This is the second fire Mr. Ritter has had lately, for two weeks ago to the day lightning struck and destroyed his large barn and contents at his home place. It was not learned whether there was any insurance.

KILLS MEMBER OF POSSE.

H. E. Cook, of Marion, Slain by Negro Chased by Sheriff and Citizens.

Marion, May 8.—Marion is in a turmoil of excitement as a result of the bloody trail left by a negro desperado, who is running and hiding in the swamps near this city, and who has already shot and slightly wounded Sheriff J. M. Dozier and killed H. Elwell Cook, a well-known contractor of this place, both of whom were trailing the negro. Early today news reached Marion that someone had broken into the store of the Davis Supply company, of Eulonia, ten miles south of here, and Sheriff Dozier, accompanied by Rural Police-man G. A. Davis, started by auto for the scene of the robbery. Just as the officers were leaving the corporate limits of this city they met a negro, who carried a number of packages and a shotgun. The sheriff stopped the machine and asked the negro if he was the man who committed the burglary at Eulonia last night. It is not known what the negro said, as the sheriff at this time is in charge of the large posse in pursuit of the desperado, but as a result of the questions asked by the officer the negro is said to have dropped his packages, levelled the single-barrelled shotgun in his possession, and fired point blank at the officer, the load narrowly missing his face, which was badly powder-burned.

The negro then jumped a fence at the roadside, and while the officers fired at him several times ran through an open field and disappeared in Smith's swamp. Word was sent to the city for assistance, and within a short time a large posse was in pursuit. Mr. H. Elwell Cook was among the number who responded to the call, and on reaching the home of Mr. R. B. Baker, four miles below here, he crossed the open country between that place and Catfish Creek and stationed himself on the bank of a ditch just in the edge of the thick swamp. Other men were located near by. At about 11 a. m. the negro appeared in the open field near Mr. Cook and, gun in hand, approached him. After getting within a few feet of him the negro fired at him, the entire load taking effect in the left breast, just over the heart. Mr. Cook expired almost instantly. Mr. Armistage Brooks, a farmer, who was standing at a point not far distant, hearing the shot, started toward the scene of trouble, when he saw the negro fleeing toward the swamp. Mr. Brooks fired twice at the man, who fell and scrambled around in the bushes. Mr. Brooks thinking that he had wounded or killed the negro, ran over to Mr. Cook, who died just as he arrived.

DIVED FROM LUSITANIA.

New York Woman Tells How She Escaped From Ship.

Dublin, May 10.—Mrs. C. Murray, of New York, a survivor of the Lusitania, who arrived today, said that she and her brother dived from the steamer when it sank, both being good swimmers. They lost each other after the boat went down, but met later in a shop in Queenstown.

Mrs. R. Hill, of New York, said that after the second explosion a mass of wreckage came crashing on deck, crushing a crowd of men, women and children. The work of extricating these people from the debris was in progress when the women and children were called to enter the boats.

Soon after the Lusitania sank, Mrs. Hill added, the submarine came to the surface, the German flag was run up and the vessel remained above water for ten minutes.

AN AIR RAID ON SOUTH END.

Loss of Life and Big Property Damage Reported.

London, May 10.—Incoming passengers on trains from South End, a sea resort in Essex, report an air raid there, in which serious property damage was done and which caused some loss of life.

Warning of the approach of hostile air craft was given South End at 2:52 this morning. Several machines took part in the raid, but whether they were Zeppelins or aeroplanes the residents were unable to state, as the weather was cloudy.

Bombs struck houses in various parts of the town. One man and his wife were badly burned in a fire started by an incendiary bomb.

It is reported that several shops were burned at Leigh, near South End. Four Zeppelins are said to have dropped forty or fifty bombs there.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The South Carolina Press association will hold its annual meeting at Chick Springs, on June 28th, 29th and 30th.

Last Monday, May 10th, was observed as memorial day all over the State. Dinners were served the veterans in many cities.

A primary election has been called in the fourth district, to be held on August 10th, to nominate a member of congress to succeed Jos. T. Johnson.

The annual convention of the master plumbers of South Carolina was held at Greenwood this week. The next meeting will be held at Columbia in 1916.

At a recent meeting of the State board of education, Charles P. Barre was chosen superintendent of education for Newberry county, to succeed George D. Brown, Jr.

D. B. Traxler has been named for postmaster at Greenville. W. D. Metts had been recommended last winter for appointment, but he lost the appointment after a strenuous fight by his opponents.

Governor Manning has wired the districts swept by storm in this State as follows: "Deeply sympathize with affliction and property loss of your community caused by storm. Can this office be of service?"

The body of Henry M. Turner, bishop of the African M. E. Church, arrived in Atlanta Tuesday from Windsor, Canada, where Bishop Turner died several days ago. Bishop Turner was a native of South Carolina, born at Newberry in 1834.

A committee of the Farmers' Secret association, which has been in the limelight recently on account of the refusal of members to give out any information or objects of the organization, has written letters to the governor and commissioner of agriculture protesting against the criticism directed against the association.

While attempting to get Walter White, who is said to be insane, out of his home, Chief of Police Holcombe and Officer Bridges were seriously wounded at Greenville Tuesday. White himself was also seriously wounded. It is alleged White ran his wife and children away from home, whereupon the officers were called.

In regard to the sinking of the Lusitania, Senator E. D. Smith is quoted as saying: "A thorough investigation of all the facts, and then take such action as the facts warrant, such action as national dignity and self-respect demands. I have implicit confidence in President Wilson's ability and patriotism to meet fully the situation."

SIX-OUNCE HAIL STONE.

Many Big Ones Fall During Storm in Sumter County.

Sumter, May 5.—Reports from Wedgefield, this county, today state that there was a hail storm there yesterday afternoon, and that around Dixie and Stateburg the storm was quite severe. While the crops are mostly too small to be much damaged by the hail it was stated that the oats and wheat suffered considerably, and that the fruit trees were badly damaged and the crop cut off by the hail. The stones were reported to be the largest ever seen, many of them as large as a hen's eggs, and some even larger. It was stated by one man from there that after the storm one of the largest stones was weighed, and that it tipped the scales at six ounces.

Hail also fell east of Sumter, but not in sufficient quantity to damage the crops. This is the second time in the week that Sumter county has had hail. Around Providence and Dalzell the stones were said to cover the ground to a depth of four inches.

FOUR PERISH IN TORNADO.

Marlboro County Swept by Disastrous Storm.

Bennettsville, May 7.—Four people were killed and hundreds made homeless by a tornado which swept Marlboro county this afternoon, just escaping the town of Bennettsville. The dead are Miss Inez Tart and Carl Tart. The County Home was destroyed and one inmate killed. A negro infant was killed.

FRANK IS RESENTENCED.

Atlanta Man Makes Statement.—To Hang on June 22nd.

Atlanta, Ga., May 10.—Leo M. Frank was today resentenced to be hanged on Tuesday, June 22, for the murder of Mary Phagan, a factory girl. Sentence was passed by Judge Ben H. Hill, of the Fulton county superior court. Mary Phagan was killed April 26, 1913. Before sentence was pronounced, Frank made a statement to the court, reiterating his declaration of innocence.

Frank had prepared his statement in advance and when Judge Hill asked him if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him, the prisoner stood erect, with his head thrown back and without once referring to the written text, declaimed it with the emphasis and gestures of an attorney making a plea before the court. He said:

Frank's Statement.

"Again I stand before you. Again I can but reiterate that I am innocent of the murder of Mary Phagan. I have absolutely no guilty knowledge of that tragic occurrence.

"I am innocent of this charge and I assert that the record of the evidence conclusively proves this. No appellate tribunal has ever passed upon this evidence. The only judge who has ever heard it stated that he had the most serious doubts as to my guilt.

"My execution will not avenge Mary Phagan's death. A life will have been taken for a life, but the real culprit will not have paid the penalty. I will suffer for another's crime.

"My trust is in God, who knows that my protestations of innocence are the truth. At some future date the whole moral world will realize it. It is the knowledge that God knows it now and that the world will know it some day that inspires me to stand before your honor and as I face the future.

Precarious Position.

"Anything else I might say at this time would be but an elaboration of my words to the court. Yet I am fully alive to the fact that my position is most precarious. It is a situation which is so far removed from anything that my life and mental attitude could have bespoken. It is hideous, but at the same time, so unreal, so incongruous.

"It is fundamental in human life to want to live. This desire to exist is ingrained in all of us—it is the basic morality of all who live. To those who have the proper ideals of living, life without honor is insufferable. This is the message of theology and ethics.

"In the light of the whole truth I know—and the Almighty knows—that the morality of my position in this case is unassailable. This being so, my complete exoneration of this terrible charge lies in the future. When that day arrives I shall be vindicated—and if I am alive, I will be enabled to enjoy freedom and honor.

"Therefore I want to live. The full truth and all of the facts in the case, when they come to light, as some day they will, will prove to the world that my assertion of innocence is the truth.

"The legal arena is now closed to me. The bar is placed forever against further legal process. Yet the issue of guilt or innocence has been before but one court, that in which the jury sat. All subsequent appeals were made upon alleged legal and juridic errors; not upon the facts or the evidence. Since the jury heard the case, no court of inquiry or review has sifted the evidence. No decision of any appeals court undertook to predicate an opinion on the record of the testimony and evidence. The doubt of the trial judge still remains."

HAS FIRE LOSS OF \$5,000.

M. H. Hiott, Colleton County, Loses Cotton, Stock, Etc.

Walterboro, May 8.—M. H. Hiott, a prominent merchant and farmer of the Round section of Colleton county, sustained a heavy loss this week, when one of his barns, containing 50 bales of cotton, 9 horses and mules, some cattle and hogs, was burned. The loss is approximately \$5,000. Besides the cotton, which was burned, Mr. Hiott has now on hand 650 bales, some of which was grown three years ago. He believes in fixing the price of his cotton himself, and says that he will sell when anyone will give his price.

Mary Pickford Thursday. 6 reels. 10c and 15c.—adv.

SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED

BERLIN SENDS MESSAGE TO GERMAN EMBASSY ON LOSS.

Says Responsibility Rests With British.—Declares Germany Forced to Retaliation.

Berlin, May 10.—The following dispatch has been sent by the German foreign office to the German embassy at Washington:

"Please communicate the following to the State department: 'The German government desires to express its deepest sympathy at the loss of lives on board the Lusitania. The responsibility rests, however, with the English government, which, through its plan of starving the civilian population of Germany, has forced Germany to resort to retaliatory measures.

"In spite of the German offer to stop the submarine war in case the starvation plan was given up, the British merchant vessels are being generally armed with guns and have repeatedly tried to ram submarines, so that a previous search was impossible.

"They cannot, therefore, be treated as ordinary merchant vessels. A recent declaration made public to the British parliament by the parliamentary secretary in answer to a question by Lord Charles Beresford, said that at the present practically all British merchant vessels were armed and provided with hand grenades.

"Besides, it has been openly admitted by the English press that the Lusitania on previous voyages repeatedly carried large quantities of war material. On the present voyage the Lusitania carried 5,400 cases of ammunition, while the rest of the cargo also consisted chiefly of contraband.

"If England, after repeated and unofficial warnings, considered herself able to declare that that boat ran no risk, and thus light-heartedly assumed responsibility for the human life on board a steamer, which, owing to its armament and cargo was liable to destruction, the German government, in spite of its heartfelt sympathy for the loss of American lives, cannot but regret that Americans felt more inclined to trust English promises rather than pay any attention to the warnings from the German side."

("Signed") FOREIGN OFFICE."

What America Demands

The demands in the American note, to be sent to the German government today, are, briefly:

1. A strict accounting for attacks on American vessels and the taking or endangering of American lives.
2. Financial reparation for the loss of lives.
3. A guarantee, demanded in the name of humanity, that Germany abandon its policy of sinking merchantmen carrying noncombatants.

The note will declare recent German acts indefensible under international law and will point out that expressions of regret will count for nothing unless accompanied by a change in policy.

It will also maintain the absolute right of neutrals to travel to any point on the seas in neutral or belligerent merchantment.

The American government will suggest that the German government could not possibly have intended the destruction of so many innocent lives, and that hence German submarine commanders must have misunderstood their instructions.

It further will point out that warnings, whether official or not, cannot be accepted as justifying unlawful attacks.

In conclusion, the note makes plain that the United States will leave nothing undone, either by diplomatic representations or action, to obtain compliance by Germany with the American requests.

DIES OF ASPHYXIATION.

Aiken County Man Commits Suicide in Washington.

Washington, May 10.—W. K. Bailey, a traveling salesman, of Kitchings Mill, Aiken county, S. C., was found dead in a room on Pennsylvania avenue here yesterday. Gas was escaping from a fixture from which the tip had been removed and the coroner decided that it was a clear case of suicide. Bailey appeared about 35 years old. He had been treated by the Salvation Army for alcoholism and the morphine habit and the police found a morphine outfit among his effects. In his valise were letters from his wife and from a brother, Dr. L. M. Bailey, of Greenville, S. C.

AUSTRIA MAY WAR ON ITALY.

Italy Expected to Be Engaged Within the Next Fortnight.

Paris, May 11.—It is being persistently rumored in Paris that Germany and Austria already have declared, or about to declare war on Italy, in anticipation of an Italian declaration of war against them. The report lacked confirmation.

Another widespread rumor was that Italy had signed an agreement with Great Britain, France and Russia to take part in the war not later than May 26. That also was unconfirmed.

French observers in Italy infer from the audience yesterday between King Victor Emmanuel and former Prime Minister Giolitti that the non-intervention party in Italy has determined to withdraw all opposition to the war.

Military writers are presenting the argument that the necessity of defending a third frontier undoubtedly would make the resistance of Austria and Germany on other fronts more feeble. Italy would mean victory over Germany by the middle of summer.

Exodus From Italy.

Paris, May 11.—The opinion is general in Italian parliamentary circles, says a Milan dispatch to the Petit Journal, that the government must make known its decision in regard to entering the war not later than the last week in May, but could easily assume a decisive attitude before that date.

The Milan correspondent of the Excelsior transmits a Secolo dispatch from Lugano, Switzerland, saying the police of Lugano have been instructed to make preparations to protect Prince Von Buelow, German ambassador to Rome, when he passes through that city on his way home.

The departure from Rome of the staff of the Austrian embassy to the Vatican is denied by the Osservatore Romano, according to a Havas dispatch. The newspaper says that not only has no member of the embassy staff left but that a new secretary is expected to arrive soon.

A Milan dispatch from Udine to the Havas agency says trains arriving from Austria are filled with Italian travelers. Hundreds are waiting at the Trieste railroad station for places on trains.

Austria's Offers.

Another version of the territorial concessions Austria is said to have proposed to Italy has been printed by the Mattino of Naples, and telegraphed to the Havas agency. According to this report Austria is willing to cede part of Trent to Italy, together with a strip of territory in the region of the Isonzo river, which empties into the Gulf of Trieste. Trieste itself is absolutely excluded, as well as Istria and Pola.

The Italian cabinet is said to have considered these concessions insufficient, and made a counter proposition demanding all of Trent up to Brenner, together with Trieste and Istria, including Pola. Italy, the Mattino asserts, will insist on obtaining Trieste, but is ready to give Austria commercial guarantees.

The Havas correspondent says the Italian government has demanded of Vienna definite answer within a fixed time. He adds that in the best informed circles there is no real hope of a peaceful settlement, although Pope Benedict has sent Emperor Francis Joseph an autograph letter asking him to yield, in order to avoid another war.

CAUSES GREAT REJOICING.

German Paper Says Sinking of the Lusitania Big Success.

Amsterdam, May 10.—The Cologne Volks Zeitung says:

"The sinking of the Lusitania is a great success of our submarines which must be placed beside the greatest achievement of this war. The sinking of the giant English steamer is a success of moral significance which is still greater than material success.

"With joyful pride we contemplate this latest deed of our navy. It will not be the last.

"The English wish to abandon the German people to death by starvation. We are more humane. We simply sank an English ship with passengers who at their own risk and responsibility entered the zone of operations."

Glendale Spring Water delivered at house for 50 cents per five-gallon bottle by J. A. Murdaugh.—adv.

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